



LESSON 4 HUNTING LAWS AND REGULATIONS

STUDENT EXERCISE WORKSHEETS

INSTRUCTOR'S ANSWER SHEET

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Students will use the Massachusetts Fishing & Hunting Guide to find the information below:

Pheasant Hunting on a Wildlife Management Area

Permit &/or Stamp requirements: No special permit or stamp required.

Hunting Season and Hours: Check guide annually for specific dates; Season starts the first Saturday after Columbus Day and ends the first Saturday following Thanksgiving; Hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset, except when hunting on a WMA, the hours are from sunrise to sunset. **(PG.34)**

Hunter Orange requirement: A Hunter Orange cap/hat is required on a WMA where Pheasant/quail are stocked during the Pheasant/quail season. No blaze orange is required on other properties, but it is recommended. **(PG.34)**

Legal Hunting Implements and Other Methods: Shotgun and Archery; use of rifles and handguns are prohibited on a WMA during Pheasant/quail season where Pheasant/quail are stocked. **(PG.34)**

Bag Limits/Other Restrictions on Taking: Daily limit is two (2); Possession limit is four (4); Season limit is six (6). Only roosters can be hunted in Eastern part of state **(PG. 34)**

Tagging, Transportation, and Reporting requirements: None

Hunting White-tailed Deer during the Shotgun Season in Zone 10

Permit &/or Stamp requirements: Antlerless permit needed to take antlerless deer. **(PG. 28)**

Hunting Season and Hours: Check guide annually for specific dates; the 12 Day season begins on the Monday after Thanksgiving and ends on the second Saturday thereafter; Hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset. **(PG. 26)**

Hunter Orange requirement: Must conspicuously wear on head, chest, and back a minimum of 500 square inches of “hunter orange” clothing. **(PG. 28)**

Hunting Implements and Other Methods: Shotgun not larger than 10 gauge (including a shotgun with a rifled barrel); Muzzle-loading firearm (either rifled or smoothbore) fired from the shoulder, .44 - .775 caliber; Bow with a minimum draw weight of 40 lbs. at 28 inches or at peak draw. Arrows must have well-sharpened steel broadhead blades with at least 7/8” cutting diameter. **(PG. 28)**

Bag Limits/Other Restrictions on Taking: Annual limit for antlered deer is two; Annual limit for antlerless deer is limited by the number of permits obtained; Daily possession of unreported deer is two (except for zones 13 & 14 where it is four). Dogs, decoys, baiting, and electronic calls are not allowed. **(PG. 26, 27, 28)**

Tagging, Transportation, and Reporting requirements: Each hunting license has two antlered “deer tags”; each antlerless permit has one “antlerless tag”. Upon killing a deer the hunter must immediately fill out and attach the “deer tag” in a conspicuous manner. Within 48 hours the person who killed the deer must report it online or present the entire carcass to an official game check station. (Please note: Online reporting is not an option for deer taken during the Shotgun Deer Season). Deer must remain visible during transport, until reported. **(PG. 29)**

Hunting Wild Turkey in the spring in Zone 3

Permit &/or Stamp requirements: Turkey hunting permit is required. Official green safety sticker must be adhered to firearm in such a manner as to be visible when hunter is sighting down the barrel. Green stickers are available from any MassWildlife office or by sending a request and SASE to any MassWildlife office. **(PG. 32)**

Hunting Season and Hours: Check guide annually for specific dates; four-week spring season begins on the last Monday in April; hunting hours are from ½ hour before sunrise to 12:00 noon. Hours extend to ½ hour after sunset in the fall. **(PG. 32)**

Hunter Orange requirement: None required, but recommended when entering or exiting the woods. **(PG. 32, 33)**

Hunting Implements and Other Methods: Shotgun not larger than 10 gauge including smoothbore .775 caliber muzzle-loaders with allowable shot sizes #4 - #7; Bows must have a draw weight of at least 40 lbs. at 28 inches or at peak draw; Arrows must have well-sharpened steel broadhead blades with at least 7/8" cutting diameter. **(PG. 32)**

Bag Limits/Other Restrictions on Taking: Annual limit is three turkeys. During the spring turkey season, the daily and season bag limit is two bearded birds. Both birds may be harvested on the same day. During the fall turkey season, the daily and season bag limit is one bird of either sex. Uses of electronic calls, bait, dogs, or driving turkeys are prohibited. **(PG. 32)**

Tagging, Transportation, and Reporting requirements: Upon killing a turkey, the hunter must immediately fill out and attach the "turkey tag" in a conspicuous manner. Within 48 hours the person who killed the turkey must report it online or present the entire carcass to an official check station. No transporting requirements. **(PG. 32)**

Hunting Black Bear in September

Permit &/or Stamp requirements: Black bear hunting permit required. **(PG. 30)**

Hunting Season and Hours: Check guide annually for specific dates; there are three seasons: First season is in September; it is a 17-day season that opens the day after Labor Day; hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset. November season hours are different when on a WMA stocked with pheasant/quail. **(PG. 30)**

Hunter Orange requirement: Different for each season **(PG. 30):**

- First season in September– Hunter Orange is not required
- Second season in November - A blaze orange hat is required if hunting on WMAs stocked with pheasant or quail during the pheasant or quail season.
- Third Season coincides with the Shotgun Deer season - 500 square inches of blaze orange is required on your head, chest, and back.

Hunting Implements and Other Methods: 1) Rifle .23 caliber or larger; 2) Muzzle-loading firearm .44-.775 caliber, fired from shoulder, using single projectile; 3) a .357 magnum revolver using a .357 magnum cartridge, or a revolver .40 caliber or larger; 4) Bows must have a draw weight of at least 40 lbs. at 28 inches or at peak draw; Arrows must have well-sharpened steel broadhead blades with at least 7/8" cutting diameter. (See chart on page 30 for implements allowed during other seasons), **(PG. 30)**

Bag Limits/Other Restrictions on Taking: Bag Limit is one black bear per calendar year, of any sex, age, or size. Baiting and use of dogs are prohibited. **(PG. 30)**

Tagging, Transportation, and Reporting requirements: A "bear tag" is attached to each permit. Upon killing a bear the hunter must immediately fill out and attach the "bear tag" in a conspicuous manner. Within 48 hours, the person who killed the bear must report it online or present the entire carcass to an official check station. Bear must remain visible during transport until reported. **(PG. 30, 31)**

Hunting White-tailed Deer during the Archery Season in Zone 8

Permit &/or Stamp requirements: Archery Stamp required; Antlerless permit needed to take antlerless deer. **(PG.26)**

Hunting Season and Hours: Check guide annually for specific dates; Six week season begins the sixth Monday prior to Thanksgiving, and ends the Saturday following Thanksgiving; Hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset, except on WMA's stocked with pheasant/quail during the pheasant/quail season when hours end at sunset. **(PG. 26)**

Hunter Orange requirement: None, except as noted in WMA regulations. **(PG. 28)**

Hunting Implements and Other Methods: Bow with a minimum draw weight of 40 lbs. at 28 inches or at peak draw. Arrows must have well-sharpened steel broadhead blades with at least 7/8" cutting diameter. Crossbows may be used by certain permanently disabled persons by permit only. **(PG.28)**

Bag Limits/Other Restrictions on Taking: Annual limit for antlered deer is two; Annual limit for antlerless deer is limited by the number of permits obtained; Daily possession of unreported deer is two (except for zones 13 & 14 where it is four). Dogs, decoys, baiting, and electronic calls are not allowed. **(PG. 29)**

Tagging, Transportation, and Reporting requirements: Each hunting license has two antlered "deer tags"; each antlerless permit has one "antlerless tag". Upon killing a deer the hunter must immediately fill out and attach the "deer tag" in a conspicuous manner. Within 48 hours the person who killed the deer must report it online or present the entire carcass to an official game check station. Until reported, deer must remain visible during transport. **(PG. 29)**

Hunting Gray Squirrels in Zone 10

Permit &/or Stamp requirements: No special permit or stamp required.

Hunting Season and Hours: Check guide annually for specific dates; Gray squirrels may be hunted in Zones 10-14 from the 1st Saturday after Columbus Day to the Following January 2nd (zones 1-9 begin 2nd Monday in Sept.); closed during deer shotgun season; Hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset except on WMA's stocked with pheasant/quail during the pheasant/quail season where hours are sunrise to sunset.

(PG. 39)

Hunter Orange requirement: None, except on WMA's stocked with pheasant/quail during the pheasant/quail season where an orange hat or cap is required. **(PG. 39)**

Hunting Implements and Other Methods: Gray squirrels may be hunted with rifle, shotgun with ammunition not larger than #1 shot, handgun, or archery. Except rifles and handguns are prohibited in Zones 10-14; and gray squirrels may only be hunted by shotgun or archery on wildlife management areas stocked with pheasant/quail, during the pheasant/quail season. **(PG. 39)**

Bag Limits/Other Restrictions on Taking: Daily bag limit is five; Possession limit is ten. **(PG. 39)**

Tagging, Transportation and Reporting requirements: None.

Hunting Coyotes in Zone 8

Permit &/or Stamp requirements: No special permit is required.

Hunting Season and Hours: Check guide annually for specific dates. Season opens 1st Saturday after Columbus Day and closes the following March 8th; Coyotes may be hunted during the “shotgun” deer season. Hunting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to midnight except as noted in WMA regulations and during shotgun deer season when hunting hours close ½ hour after sunset. **(PG. 42)**

Hunter Orange requirement, Hunting Implements and Other Methods: (PG. 42)

	Hunting Coyotes <u>during</u> Shotgun Deer season	Hunting Coyotes <u>outside</u> Shotgun Deer Season
Hunter Orange	500 square inches (Head, Chest, back)	None required, except on noted in WMA regulations.
Hunting Implements	Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Archery	Rifle, Shotgun, Handgun & Archery Shotgun & Archery only on WMA (see WMA regulations). Handgun & Rifle night restrictions
Aids: Dogs	Not allowed	Allowed
Calls	Not allowed	Allowed
Bait	Allowed – as long as it’s not for deer. Baiting for Deer is prohibited (pg. 32)	Allowed
Decoys	Allowed – as long it’s not for deer. Decoys for deer is prohibited (pg.32)	Allowed
Artificial light	Not allowed	Not allowed
Ammunition	All that are allowed during shotgun deer including buckshot and slugs	Shot not larger than 0.230 inch diameter (FF)

Bag Limits /Other Restrictions on Taking: No daily, possession, or season limits. **(PG. 42)**

Tagging, Transportation, and Reporting requirements: Must be reported online or at an official check station prior to sale, exchange, disposal, or retention. Pelts of coyotes must be reported no later than 4 working days after the close of the season, check season dates annually. **(PG. 42)**

Hunting Ducks on the Coast

Permit &/or Stamp requirements: Massachusetts Waterfowl “stamp” (simply printed on license); Federal Duck stamp – obtain from any post office or **MassFishHunt**. If purchased online, “eDuck Stamp” will be good for 45 days or until real stamp is received. Hunter is required to sign the front of the real stamp. Harvest Information Program (HIP) survey is required and only available online. Once complete the words “HIP Survey” will be printed on the license. **No HIP number** will be issued. **(PG. 40)**

Hunting Season and Hours: Hunting seasons changes annually; check waterfowl regulations for specific dates; hours are ½ hour before sunrise to sunset except when hunting on a WMA stocked with pheasant/quail during the pheasant and quail season when hunting begins at sunrise and ends at sunset. **(See Migratory Bird Regulations)**

Hunter Orange requirement: Typically none. During shotgun deer season, 500 square inches of “hunter orange” clothing is required while hunting and in transit but may be removed if hunting from a blind or boat. On a WMA stocked with pheasant/quail during the pheasant/quail season, must have on an orange cap if hunting from a blind or boat **(PG. 41)**

Hunting Implements and Other Methods: Shotgun, not larger than 10-gauge or by archery or by falconry. Shotguns must be plugged which limits the gun’s capacity to three shells (chamber and magazine combined); only non-toxic shot, up to size BBB, may be used. **(PG. 40)**

Bag Limits/Other Restrictions on Taking: The daily bag and possession limits are set annually; Limits vary by species and sex. **(See Migratory Game Bird regulations)**

Tagging, Transportation, and Reporting requirements: Any migratory game bird not in the custody of the hunter must be tagged with the hunter’s signature, address, total # of birds harvested by species, and the dates killed. The head and one fully feathered wing must remain attached to the bird while transported to a processing facility or hunter’s residence. **(PG. 41)**